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For: OLEAGINOUS DRILLING FLUID THAT

PRODUCES A USEFUL SOIL AMENDMENT, METHODS OF USE AND BIO-REMEDIATION OF THE SAME AND RESULTING SOLIDS

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: WALKER, Zakiya N.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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08/08/2003 EHARRIS OFFICE OFFICE Action mailed on May 21, 2003, Applicant requests the following: DA 01 FC:1252

PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF GROUP V:

Applicant requests that the Examiner conduct the examination of the above referenced application based on Group V which is directed to a vermiculture feed composition.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner will not incur an undue burden, which is one of the two requirements for supporting a restriction requirement as noted in the Manual for Patent Examining Procedure § 803. It is respectfully